

### **REMARKS**

In the Decision dated February 23, 2007, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4. In doing so, the Board interpreted claims 1 and 2 broadly to encompass the initial allocation of registers to directories. The Board stated "The claims do not require that the registers once allocated be reallocated among the directories recited." See page 6, lines 4-5.

In response thereto, claims 1 and 2 have been amended to bring out this distinction identified by the Board. Specifically, claim 1 now recites that the security registers are selectively allocatable to any one of the plurality of directories in response to the granting of rights in the directories. The claim recites that, after having been allocated to a directory, the security registers are deallocatable and reallocatable to another directory in response to the granting of rights in the other directory. Claim 2 contains analogous recitations.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of claims 1 and 2, as amended, is not disclosed, nor otherwise suggested, by the Proust patent. Allowance of these claims, as well as dependent claim 4, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3 and 5-7 were previously allowed. In response thereto, these claims have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of parent claim 2, as it existed prior to the current Amendment.

Favorable consideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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